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Dear Dr. Beaulaurier:

Your application 1SC2GM088144-01A1 in response to PAR-08-027, "Support of Competitive Research (SCORE) Pilot Project Award" (SC2), has been received by the Office of Scientific Review of the National Institute of General Medical Sciences.

As the Scientific Review Officer for your application, I will be your primary NIH contact before the review. Any communication concerning the review of this application should be through my office. If you have any questions about the review meeting or process, please do not hesitate to contact me. I will be happy to provide any clarification or needed information. Following the review, any concerns or questions that you have should be discussed with your Program Official, Alberto Rivera-Rentas at riverara@nigms.nih.gov.

Review of Applications

Applications will be reviewed for scientific and technical merit by a Special Emphasis Panel ZGM1 MBRS-8 (BH) at a meeting to be held on **March 22**. A final roster of reviewers will be available approximately one month prior to the meeting and will be posted at http://era.nih.gov/roster/Proster1.cfm?ABBR=ZGM1&CID=100647. A second level of review by the National Advisory General Medical Sciences Council (NAGMS) will take place on May 20-21, 2010. Funding decisions will be made by program staff in the Minority Opportunities in Research Division following the Council meeting; the earliest project funding start date for applications considered at the May Council meeting would be July, 2010.

Submission of Supplemental Material

Critical supplemental information that was not available at the time of submission (e.g., changes in grant status, reprints of newly accepted/published manuscripts, additional budget justifications) must be submitted no later than **Friday**, **February 19**, **2010**.

Please note that you are **not required** to submit supplemental material; reviewers normally consider any additional information provided but keep in mind that they are not required to do so.

Supplemental material is limited to **2 pages** and should be submitted along with a cover letter as a **single pdf** file. The submitted supplemental material must have the concurrence of the Authorized Organizational Representative (AOR)/ institutional signing official. This can best be accomplished by sending the AOR a courtesy copy (CC) of the email you send me with the supplemental material.

In addition, any manuscripts published or accepted for publication since the application was submitted may also be included. These do not count against the two-page limit. New publications can also be provided as a URL to the PubMed listing.

Please submit this material to me directly at JohnsoRe@nigms.nih.gov.

SUMMARY OF IMPORTANT DATES

- Supplementary material submission deadline: Friday, February 19, 2010.
- Review of grant applications: March 22.
- Scores (not critiques) released into NIH Commons: within one week of review meeting.
- Summary Statement (critiques) released into NIH Commons: within four weeks following meeting
- Funding decisions made by MORE division staff following the NAGMS Council meeting (May 20-21, 2010); earliest start date for applications considered by the May Council: July, 2010.

Sincerely,

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